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ABSTRACT

An alkyldiamine having excellent polymerization reactivity, a polyimide comprising it as a constituting element, and a liquid crystal alignment film excellent in uniformity of liquid crystal alignment, are presented. Namely, the present invention relates to a diaminobenzene derivative represented by the following general formula (1) and to a polyimide obtained by reacting a diamine containing at least 1 mol% of the diaminobenzene derivative represented by the general formula (1), with at least one compound selected from a tetracarboxylic dianhydride and its derivatives, to obtain a polyimide precursor having a reduced viscosity of from 0.05 to 5.0 $d\ell/g$ (in N-methylpyrrolidone at a temperature of 30°C, concentration: 0.5 $g/d\ell$) and ring-closing it, and having a repeating unit represented by the general formula (2). Further, the present invention relates to a liquid crystal alignment film containing at least 1 mol% of the above repeating unit.

$$\begin{array}{c}
(R)_{b} \\
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X \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow N H_{2}
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$$(P-Q)_{a}$$

$$--N \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow N-B --$$
 (2)